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Camps Planned

Two camps have been planned for youth from the 4th through the 9th grades through the auspices of the Georgia-South Carolina Association of the Southeast Conference.

For the youth from the Coastal Cluster churches, a camp has been scheduled to be held at Dorchester Center, Midway, Georgia from Sunday through Saturday, July 20—26. Directing the camp will be Mr. James Fields with Dr. Howard Jason acting as Chairman of the Camping Committee.

A second camp for youth of Metropolitan Cluster churches (UCC and UPSC churches) will be held Sunday through Saturday, August 3—10 at Camp Glisson which is located in Dahlonega, Georgia. Cost for this camp will be \$46.50 per person. Should a second child from the same family wish to attend, expenses will be only \$41.50. Director for the Junior Camp will be Ms. Cynthia Moore with Rev. Jack Bunkley acting as Director of the Jr. High camp. Mr. John Giles is Chairman of the Camping Committee.

Applications should be submitted through the Southeast Conference Office, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329. Applications will be processed on a first come, first serve basis.

17/76 Achievement Fund

Reporting to the delegates of the Annual Meeting on the progress of the Southeast Conference 17/76 Achievement Fund Campaign was Mr. Franklin Thomas, Chairman of the Conference 17/76 Committee.

In thanking the members of the Conference 17/76 Committee and the participating churches, Mr. Thomas pointed out that the Southeast Conference record on pledges leads all other conferences in the nation in percentage of goal achieved. Special recognition was given to seven of the participating churches which have not only completed their campaigns, but have exceeded their own self-allocated goals. Those churches include: Tougaloo Union, Crossville First, Sweetwater First, Plymouth Church in Charleston, Savannah First, Brookmeade Church in Nashville, and Pleasant Hill Community Church.

Continuation of the effort to surpass the



ANNUAL MEETING HELD IN CHATTANOOGA

Meeting at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference, United Church of Christ was represented by over 170 delegates from conference churches. One of the largest Annual Meetings ever, the members of Pilgrim Church were most gracious hosts.

Helping delegates to meet one another was Chaplain Bob Tripp who led the Conference in a series of "Discoveries," which were delightfully received.

Following an address on the work of our foreign missions by Dr. David Stowe, Executive Vice-President of the United Church Board for World Ministries, delegates approved reports from the various Conference Commissions and were informed about our stewardship needs and the continuing challenge of the 17/76 Achievement Fund.

Following an informative and creative discussion about the report of the Long Range Planning Committee, conference delegates broke into smaller groups to discuss in greater detail the problems of and responses to the world food crisis, as

well as to consider how civil liberties might be restored to those people facing discrimination in relation to their sexual preference.

Following the final business meeting on Sunday morning, delegates and members of Pilgrim Church gathered together in a most memorable service of worship in which the sermon was delivered by Dr. Stowe and the sacrament of Communion was celebrated by all. Responding to the meeting, one of the delegates said, "This was a very valuable experience. It was good to see our church facing and creatively deliberating some of the same problems that I face everyday in my vocation."

In response to our nation's Bicentennial Celebration, next year's Annual meeting will be held at Historic Midway Church in Savannah, Ga. June 12—13.



Z...O...O...M! Delegates participating in "Discovery" led by Chaplain Bob Tripp.

Conference Goal of \$89,455 has been given to the Conference 17/76 Continuation Committee, chaired by Rev. Stephen Gray. Of the total amount raised in the Conference, 5 percent will be retained by the Conference to be used in the form of scholarships for college and seminary study.



DELEGATES "growing in oneness" through "Discovery" led by Chaplain Bob Tripp.

Long-Range Planning Committee

Adopted during the Annual Meeting were the following three recommendations of the Long Range Planning Committee of the Conference:

1) That the Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ in its Ninth Annual meeting at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, acknowledges that it is a Pilgrim church still on the road to the true Christian expression of community and therefore reaffirms its goal to "grow in oneness" and to open opportunities for such growth to take place — recognizing in the process that such growth takes place in diverse ways.

That the Southeast Conference acknowledges that it is not of one mind concerning the unity of its people beyond social, economic, and racial divisions; but that at the same time it acknowledges its allegiance to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in its pilgrimage.

That the Southeast Conference directs its Board of Directors, in consultation with the ministers of its churches, to appoint a Task Force to develop a process for opening lines of communication and providing opportunities for dialogue among churches and individual Christians of the Conference, and between the Southeast Conference and the national instrumentalities. This process should be so designed as to deal constructively with the current issues and concerns. This Task Force is requested to make a progress report at the next Southeast Conference annual meeting.

That the Southeast Conference asks the Office of Church Life and Leadership of the United Church of Christ to supply leadership and resources to help the Conference carry out its concern for a

strong, creative program of leadership training, through which churches and individual persons can grow in the search to know and express the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

2) Believing that the Identity materials and aids produced by the Southeast Conference and available for us by local congregations are important tools for encouraging church growth and meaningful ministry, it is recommended that consideration be given to the production of materials in other such specific areas as Evangelism, Stewardship, Christian Nurture, Local Church Administration, and Worship Aids. These materials should speak specifically to the needs of the churches of the Conference and serve to help local churches grow in their mission and ministry. It would be the responsibility of the Commissions to give consideration to the production of such materials.

3) Believing that the geographic and economic conditions of the Southeast Conference make it impossible for paid staff to be responsible for the program and growth of the United Church of Christ in this area, it is recommended that the number one priority of the Conference for the next few years be Leadership Training. This means the training of clergy and laity to work with local congregations in raising their sights and moving them ahead. Again, the Commissions of the Conference are called upon to plan programs and train key persons in their specific areas of concern so these persons can serve as Adjunct Conference Staff to those who serve full time.

Report Of The Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee submitted the following report to the delegates of the Annual Meeting, who accepted the report as read. Asterisks represent those people who were nominated at this session.

*Moderator — Franklin Thomas	1977
*Vice-Moderator — David Beebe	1977
Secretary — Mrs. Larry Thompson	1976
*Treasurer	1977
Past Moderator — Wallace Boothby	1977
Members-at-Large to Board of Directors:	
*Miss Augusta Pettie	1976
Arnold Slater	1977
*J. K. Murphy	1978

Commissions:

Church and Ministry Co-ordinator —	
*Homer McEwen	1977
Church and Ministry Ass't Coord. —	
*Walter Hall	1976
Education Co-ordinator —	
*Steve Gray	1977
Education Ass't. Coord. —	
Mrs. Marion Cameron	1976
Outreach Co-ordinator —	
*Hank Tuttle	1977
Outreach Ass't Coord. —	
Mrs. Jackie Shrago	1976
Representatives to:	
Urban Training Organization of Atlanta:	
*Wm. T. Scott, Jr.	1977
James Lindskoog	1976
Robbins Community Center:	
Walter Hall	
Bobby Burton	
Uplands Retirement Center:	
Don Flick	
W. J. Andes	
Villa International Atlanta:	
K. C. Johnson	
George Percival	
Mrs. Magnoria Smothers	
General Synod:	
David Chandler	1977
*Mrs. Marion Young	1979
*Franklin Thomas	1979



MINISTERS AND DELEGATES gather around Cokesbury Book table, sponsored this year by Southeast Conference.

Ole Thermometer U. Confers New Degrees

As per usual at annual conference, the crowd waited with baited breath and in avid anticipation to see who were to be dubiously honored by receiving those much sought-after degrees from Ole Thermometer U.

The commencement ceremony opened to the lively tempo of the processional march, "Pomp & Frumpery," played by the university's wind ensemble (tissue paper & combs), directed by W. Walter Hall, D. Ha. This year's president, David L. Beebe, D.C., decked out in his flowing white surplis (minus cassock), and mortar board with the school's colors of chartreuse and plaid; assisted by Dean Warren Blankenhorn, D.Q.P. in black academic gown with chartreuse and plaid doctoral bands and mortar board conferred degrees on the following: Donald P. Flick — Doctor of Plannus Processus; Wallace Boothby — Moderator Without Moderation; Curtis Schumacher — Doctor of Numismatic Eschatology; David Stowe — Doctor of Global Perambulation; Yubenia Prigmore — Doctor of Continuous Communication; Raymond Reph — Doctor of Perspicacious Ubiquity. (Dr. Reph is joining the faculty this fall as Professor of Navel Science and Tactics as he won approval of those present in his confrontation with Dean Blankenhorn in a navel engagement.

The exercises were very inspiring and all went well until the singing and playing of the Alma Mater, at which time the college choir director, Dr.



David Chandler, basso profundo virtuoso, and the wind ensemble director, Dr. Hall, couldn't get the singing and playing together, from which ensued a dual of batons with Dr. Hall's nose being dislocated and Dr. Chandler being "run thru" by Dr. Hall's baton. Catalogues were issued this year to the graduates and faculty.



Elon College Home For Children

Since it does not receive any funds from the Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ or from the Southern Conference budget, the Elon Home for Children makes its appeal directly to our churches. It depends upon the churches in the Southern and Southeast Conferences as well as those in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island for help, and we should give generously so that its services to children may not suffer because the Home lacks sufficient money to finance them.

Southern Prison Ministry

Rev. Joe Ingle, a U.C.C. minister in the Ala-Tenn Association, is working throughout the state of Tennessee as a representative of Southern Prison Ministries.

Southern Prison Ministries works with citizens interested in jails and prisons throughout the South. Ministers, like Rev. Ingle, are available to speak in churches, teach in Sunday Schools and otherwise help people who are concerned about the plight of prisoners in their local jail or prison.

Southern Prison Ministries also tries to arrange correspondence and visitation between outside people and those who are locked up. They also do whatever they can to enrich the life of a person behind bars to make life more bearable for them, through contact and support of a local Christian community.

If interested, please contact Rev. Joe Ingle, Southern Prison Ministries, P. O. Box 12044, Nashville, Tenn. 37212.

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Church Offers Help To Refugees

The United Church of Christ will accept responsibility for at least 500 Indo-Chinese refugee families.

The Rev. Alfred C. Bartholomew, who heads the Service Division of the United Church Board for World Ministries, said he was confident that local churches of the denomination throughout the United States would agree to sponsor evacuee families "regardless of faith, race of political persuasion." Sponsorship of a family, he explained, includes providing "tender loving care, a place to live and a job for a breadwinner."

The Rev. John Schauer, a United Church minister who is director of the immigration and refugee programs of Church World Service, opened a tent "office" at Camp Pendleton in California to begin processing of families for sponsorship by the member denominations of the National Council of Churches. He said he expected to open another office at Fort Chaffee in Arkansas within the near future, and will establish one at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida if South Vietnam evacuees are sent there. He plans for resettlement of 2,000 family units through the Protestant and Orthodox churches co-operating in the Church World Service.

As soon as sponsoring congregations have been found, Dr. Bartholomew said, the task will be to identify family members, make sure they are together and ready for resettlement, and prepare full "case histories" including their job and language skills. The refugees will be technically "on parole" with the Federal Service and their position will not be regularized until after they are resettled, he said.

Church World Service will be calling up missionaries and relief workers like UCC layman Douglas Beane who worked in Saigon for the Vietnam Christian Service agency from 1967 until April 18 when he got his family out of the country. Concerning the evacuation, Beane said, "It all happened so fast. Few people had a chance to make a valid choice about what they should do. Now more than ever they need Christian compassion and help."



'Good News About Life' Theme Of

Minister's Convocation

Meeting for the second consecutive year in the beautiful facilities and surroundings of Camp Sumatanga, Gallant, AL., the 1975 Minister's Convocation was enjoyed by a lively group of 37 lay people, ministers and their wives.

Diversity was one of the keys to this Convocation. Introducing the new UCC Hymnal to the group was Mrs. Sibyl Faust, organist at Brookmeade Church. Mr. J. K. Murphy offered an excellent review of UCC curriculum material, while Rev. Bill Scott, Dr. David Beebe and Convocation Chairman Steve Gray shared with the group books that they had found to be most useful and meaningful. On the issue of hunger, Mr. Roland Kampmeier of the UCC Task Force on Hunger and Rev. Ed Brown increased our awareness of and possible responses to the reality of hunger.

Highlighting the Convocation were the contributions of special speakers Rev. John DeBoer of the Board for Homeland Ministries who spoke to the theme: "How To Be A Manager In Your Church...Without Losing Your Religion," and Rev. Al Krass of the Board for World Ministries who led the group in a searching and challenging study of what evangelism is and what it calls us to do.

In a special graduation ceremony, Ole Thermometer U. conferred degrees upon Rev. DeBoer, Rev. Krass, Rev. Joe Brown, Mrs. Faust, and Rev. James McAdams.

NEWS BITS

Dr. David Beebe, pastor of Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Tenn. celebrated the eucharist with the American Guild of Organists at the Grace United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga. on June 19, 1975.

Ms. Jackie Shrage of Brookmeade Church, Nashville, Tenn. was just awarded a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Vanderbilt University. She also received the Faculty Award for Distinguished Achievement. Ms. Shrage has served on numerous Association and Conference committees.

Pilgrim Church in Birmingham recently sent \$600 to the Morgan Scott Project for the education of exceptional children.

Teresa Hollis, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Allen Hollis — pastor of First United Church, Nashville — was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Crouch Scholarship Foundation. Teresa will be entering Middle Tennessee State University this fall.

Janice Chetelat began her duties as Youth Director of the Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, AL. on May 25. Janice is home from her first year at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa and is working as a dental assistant.

The book "A History of The Christian Church In The South" by Dr. Durward T. Stokes and Dr. William T. Scott is now off the press. The cost is \$10. Inquiries should be directed to the Conference Minister of the Southern Conference, UCC, 328 W. Davis Street, P. O. Box 2410, Burlington, N. C. 27251.

Special Occasion At Goodhope

One of the traditions observed by Goodhope Church in Baker, FL. each year is a special celebration on Mother's Day, honoring the youngest and the oldest mothers in the congregation. Honored this year were Mrs. Rena Kennedy and Mrs. Rosa Courtney.

In addition, each family is asked to bring a bouquet of roses which is placed on the altar. At the appropriate time during the service each person removes one rose from the bouquets and pins it on his or her mother.